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In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent Office the following references, which were found during the prosecution of a co-pending European Patent Application:

U.S. Patent No. 5,001,397
U.S. Patent No. 4,847,534
U.S. Patent No. 3,619,699
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German Offenlegungsschrift No. 33 05 468
European Patent Application No. 273 505
European Patent Application No. 910 111

European Patent Application No. 917 180
European Patent Application No. 579 429

Copies of these references and a form PTO 1449 are enclosed.

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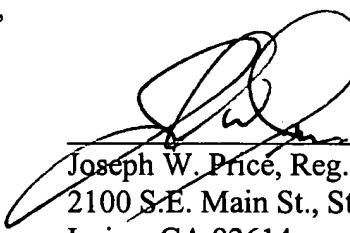
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